

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
Room 312
December 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Councilor Dexter McNamara, Committee Chairperson
Mel Kiogima

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley

Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Motion by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent (Councilor Bentley)

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to table the correction of the Minutes of November 15, 2008, meeting until the next meeting.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent (Councilor Bentley)

Motion carries.

Old/On-going business

Committee Chairperson led discussion on the State of Michigan land that is being offered for sale or exchange to the Waganakising Odawa. All of the properties are in Iron and Marquette Counties in the Upper Peninsula. Similar opportunities will be made available at a later date for the counties within the Waganakising Odawa homelands. Chairperson Kiogima will make contact with appropriate State of Michigan personnel to inquire on a date when this opportunity will become available.

As had been previously requested of Attorney Budnick, Attorney Budnick presented a Tribal Motion for the Committee's consideration. The Tribal Motion is to initiate a "feasibility study for land-use determination ..." which would be conducted by the Executive Branch. The 'motion' is intended to request the Executive Branch to provide a study to determine the need for a facility to house additional LTBB programs, i.e. Head Start, day care, and other similar programs. Committee Chairperson Kiogima will bring the Motion before the full Tribal Council for their consideration.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima acknowledged the receipt of a draft study from Legislative Leader Bea Law done for the LTBB Archives & Records Department by William H. B. Fritz in December 2002. To the best of our knowledge, no further actions have been taken as a result of

the study. With concurrence from the Committee, Committee Chairperson Kiogima will contact Tribal Chairperson Ettawageshik for any additional information pertaining to this study.

New Business

Attorney Budnick presented several items of 'land' interest, including 'Questions Presented' in the Rhode Island case (Carcieri v. Kempthorne) before the U. S. Supreme Court. This case may impact the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians in their efforts to put land-into-trust. This Band gained federal recognition in 1998 and this case may determine whether tribes recognized after the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) can have land put into trust. Additional documents provided by Attorney Budnick clarified that the IRA applied to LTBB.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation Project

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) Project budget continues to operate within budget. A printout of the budget was received, and acknowledged, from the LTBB Accounting Dept.

Attorney Budnick has submitted a budget modification request to the ILTF. It is being reviewed by the ILTF and is still under consideration. If the modification request is granted, the re-allocated money would be used to fund a Youth Land Training Session.

The Youth Land Training Session is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2009. It will be held at the LTBB Governmental Complex. Historian James McClurken's office has been contacted for the speaking engagement and a verbal commitment has been received.

Approximately 1000 land surveys have been returned. They have been turned over to Bryan Gillett, LTBB Planning Director, for compilation and interpretation. The compilation and interpretation results should be available by mid-to-late January 2009.

The Committee continues to look down the road at what needs to be done for us to accomplish our goal of establishing short and long term goals for the LTBB Strategic Land Plan.

Other Items of Business

10:00 a.m. Public Comment opened. No comments were received.

10:01 a.m. Public Comment closed.

No actions items needed to be addressed.

No date has been set for the next Land and Reservation Committee meeting.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to adjourn at 10:03 a.m.